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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Robert Bartlett Elliott *et al.*

Application Number: 09/857,325

Filed: February 14, 2002

For: PREPARATION AND
XENOTRANSPLANTATION OF
PORCINE ISLETS

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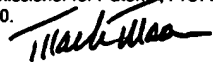
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1. AMENDMENT; 2. RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2005

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. A response to the Final Official Action in the present application, dated November 2, 2005 ("the Action"), for which the first period for reply was February 2, 2006, is also submitted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the remarks therein. Applicants believe that the present materials place the claims in condition for allowance, and re-examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested on this basis.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two month(s) to and including April 3, 2006 (April 2, 2006 being a Sunday), is included to render the amendment and response timely submitted. Should the check be omitted, or should any additional fees be deemed necessary for any reason in connection with the present submission, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any necessary amounts from Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order No. 36697.7.